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■ BY NICK AMES

TOWN traders have reported a good start to the New Year, with shoppers flocking to Faversham eager to cash in on the sales.

Despite fears that visitor numbers would plummet after the festive rush, shopkeepers say they have been pleasantly surprised by the start to the year.

There was also a surge in demand for local produce, providing a further boost to the town's economy.

An official from the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, which represents businesses in the area, said: "It's fair to say expectation was not high at the start of the holiday period and some businesses, especially smaller stores, were apprehensive.

"But in the days following Christmas and leading into the New Year, people seemed to be coming into shops more and more.

"There were the usual bargain-hunters, but I think people were spending with a lot of care and attention.

"There was also a lot of emphasis on local produce, which has to be good for everyone connected with the town and the surrounding area."

Town stores and traders saw business pick up after a slowish start. Some shop owners had anticipated a poor trading period over the holidays, but were relieved when income increased.

However, shoppers were being very careful with purchases in the sales and looking for value for money instead of buying in bulk.

Ending 70 years of tradition on Saturday was the closure of Faversham's Woolworths store, which had a massive sale prior to shut-

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THE TIDE OF HISTORY

The future of Faversham Creek comes under scrutiny this evening (Wednesday) with ambitious redevelopment plans up for discussion. But what do you think should happen to this historic area of town? Let us know your views. Write to: The Editor, Yourswale, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. Email: yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk. **FULL STORY - PAGE 3**

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FEELING THE COLD: Doctors are seeing a sharp rise in the numbers of flu sufferers.

Counting the cost of latest flu outbreak

■ BY NICK AMES

DOCTORS across the town say they have seen a sharp rise in the number of patients as flu sweeps through the borough.

Now already under pressure businesses are bracing themselves for a slow start to the new year as workers continue to be laid low by the bug which can leave victims bed-ridden for up to four days.

But health chiefs at the Kent Health Protection Agency say it has not hit epidemic proportions yet – but has hit earlier than expected.

Now it is reissuing guidelines in a bid to halt the surge in victims.

Meanwhile, staff at Faversham's Newton Place Surgery say they have been inundated with requests for help from people who are afraid of passing on the condition or do not want to pass on the virus.

Medical experts said although it is too early to predict how much further the influenza will increase this year, the agency's advice is to be alert to symptoms of flu.

It recommends the following:

- Anyone over the age of 65, or under 65 who falls into an "at risk" group,

should ensure they receive their flu vaccination.

- Health care workers involved in the delivery of care and/or support to patients should see their occupational health department for their flu jab. Care workers should speak to their GP to establish if they meet the criteria for flu vaccination.

- If you do get flu this year, the advice is to stay at home, rest, drink plenty of fluids and use over-the-counter remedies if they make you feel more comfortable.

A spokesman said: "For the majority of people, flu is an unpleasant, but not life-threatening illness. Symptoms can include a headache, fever, cough, sore throat, and aching muscles and joints.

"Flu can be dangerous for certain groups in the population, such as the elderly or those with heart problems, diabetes or asthma and those who are immunocompromised.

"It is important that people in these groups take up the offer of a free flu vaccination at their local GP surgery – the flu jab is well matched this year to current circulating strains of flu.

"Flu has started a bit earlier than normal this year and we have already seen a lot of flu activity. At this early stage, however, it is impossible to predict what levels we will see over the next few weeks."

Town traders report good start to 2009

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ting its doors for the last time. Astonished bargain-hunters noticed that even the shelves were marked as being for sale.

It was one of the first Woolworths to open in the county and its closure is likely to hit hard, although independent traders in the town will pick up much of the trade.

Mary Jean Avery-Smith, who runs a curio shop along Standard Quay, said the holiday period had been a success for her business.

She said: "I've only been open three months and didn't know what to expect. But it was pretty good on the whole. The atmosphere in town has been extremely good. People seem to be out and about and looking for things to buy. It helps that the town has a lot of different stores."

Swale councillor Cindy Davis went away for Christmas, but noticed a change on her return to Faversham.

She said: "There were greater numbers of people in the streets and in the shops. The whole mood was positive and everyone seemed in great spirits."

Store is tickled pink over fundraising total

FASHION store M&Co will today hand over a cheque for £334,758 to the fight against breast cancer.

And staff at the Preston Street outlet can take particular pride – as they collected the seventh highest amount towards the fund from nearly 300 stores nationwide.

They raised over £3,371 through fundraising and sales of pink tops and pin badges – all in aid of Breast Cancer Campaign.

Colin Williamson, retail operations manager, said: "I would like to congratulate our Faversham fundraisers on being the seventh highest fundraising store and thank everyone who has helped us to raise this fantastic amount."

Staff will mark the occasion today by dressing in pink.

Invicta tunes in to needs of disabled

A GROUP which helps people with disabilities across the area has received a cash boost.

Invicta FM has come up with a total of £10,000 to help fund the work of the organisation entitled Family Activities for the Disabled in Swale.

The money is set to be used to set up a programme encouraging young people to help the group with its work.

At present 42 volunteers from local schools are assisting with the organisation and its work.

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Visions and themes of new-look creek

Meeting to discuss future plans for popular waterway

■ BY NICK AMES

FUTURE development of Faversham Creek is to be discussed at a meeting of Swale council's executive committee tonight (January 7).

Progress on plans to upgrade the area and turn it into a leading leisure attraction for the town will be examined and 'visions and themes' put forward by planners placed under the microscope.

It is expected after looking at what the project entails, the council will agree in principle to take a more active role in bringing about development in the area.

A team has been put in place to look at the best way forward for the creek, which is popular with boating and yachting enthusiasts and has seen prestige housing developments take place on its western bank.

A development plan which will cover all aspects of the regeneration until the year 2026 will be at the heart of tonight's discussions.

Environmental issues, tourism and the use of the open space are all items to be incorporated into the plan which intends to maximise the economic and leisure benefits of the town's waterside.

At present it is used for mooring vessels, home to a number of small businesses, and a number of specialist shipbuilders and restoration companies.

But planners feel much more can be done in bringing the area forward – possibly taking lessons from the developments along the Medway which have been a major boost to the regeneration of Rochester.

They hope to focus on the historical nature of the waterway and plans for it to be a new home



DEVELOPMENT: Plans for creek's regeneration top the agenda at tonight's council meeting

Picture: NICK AMES

for the barge museum in Sittingbourne which was gutted by fire last year have been discussed.

Other proposals include it being developed as the location for a collection of historic sailing vessels.

Over the last few centuries the creek has provided access to ships of moderate size to the town quay.

However, in recent years a lack of use has meant it has become silted up and the mud

banks and vegetation have clogged up the waterway.

The creek first came to prominence in the 16th century when the port of Faversham was important in getting grain to feed the population of London, while a century later wool exports made the town's merchants rich. But commercial traffic went into decline and completely stopped in 2000 – ending centuries of Faversham's trading town heritage.

Hotel owners delighted with refurbishment

A MAJOR multi-million pound refit to a top local hotel has been completed.

Owners of the Hempstead House Hotel invested heavily in the refurbishment of the venue, which is sited between Bapchild and Teynham.

It now boasts a luxury spa, five treatment rooms, three pools, a sauna, steam room and fitness centre, as well as seven more bedrooms.

The hotel, which opened in 1990, currently employs more than 50 staff.

Owner Mandy Holdstock said: "This latest investment is significant for the future of the Hempstead House.

"It enables us to increase bookings by improving what we can offer as a wedding venue, conference and business hotel as well as the lucrative spa break market. It is the third project we have completed with Clydesdale Bank."

And despite the credit crunch, the couple's bank says it is flying in the face of fears of a recession.

Clydesdale's Andrew Cheetham, said: "Interestingly, the owners have been able to pay back their loans ahead of schedule, which clearly demonstrates their strong financial management."

Fire chief tells of his pride at CBE

THE county's fire chief has been recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours with the award of a CBE.

Chief Fire Officer Charlie Hendry, from Doddington, who is currently on secondment as president of the Chief Fire Officers' Association, received the award for services to local government.

It is in recognition of the work he has undertaken nationally, advising on Fire and Rescue Service matters and for his service to the communities of Kent and Medway.

Mr Hendry said: "It's a tremendous honour to be recognised in this way and I'm obviously delighted."

"I believe this recognition is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of everyone who works for Kent FRS."

"Their dedication to providing the best possible service to the Kent and Medway communities has resulted in KFRS being rated as excellent by the Audit Commission. For me, it's a privilege to lead the best service in the UK."

Mr Hendry, 48, joined London Fire Brigade as a firefighter in 1983 where he spent 17 years.



HONOUR: Chief Fire Officer Charlie Hendry has been made CBE for services to local government

He attended a number of high-profile incidents including the fatal train crash at Wembley in 1984 and the terrorist incident at Brent Cross Shopping Centre.

In October 1999, he led Fire and Rescue Service operations at the Paddington rail disaster.

The CBE adds to the Queen's Fire Service Medal, which was awarded to him in 2004.

Lawyers secure stay of execution for care home

A JUDGE has ordered Kent County Council to maintain its backing of the Cooksbridge House care home in East Street, which looked set to shut down at the end of last year.

Lawyers working for both residents and their families warned the local authority that its decision to close the facility was unlawful.

The decision meant residents who thought they may have to find alternative accommodation over Christmas and the New Year were able to stay put.

The move follows a bid to close the home which had even seen alternative accommodation being sought by KCC for the residents.

The council had raised concerns over the level of care being offered at the home in East Street, which led to the move to shut its doors and remove those who lived there.

But an injunction against it was successfully obtained by London-based solicitors Leigh, Day and Company.

A hearing in the coming weeks will decide formally on the future of the home and whether it remains open.

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Radio station marathon boosts children's charity

INVICTA FM has raised more than £15,000 for Help a Kent Child.

The Whitstable-based radio station held a marathon 13-hour show dedicated to raising funds for the charity, which helps disadvantaged children throughout the county.

Charity backers include Chris Tarrant, Dave Lee, Paul McKenna and Greg Wallace.

DJ James Heming said: "I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success – the people who gave money and the celebrities who helped us."

Archbishop is bound to be bristling with pride

DR Rowan Williams has been named owner of the Beard of the Year 2008.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was named alongside Welsh singer Sir Tom Jones as owner of the finest set of whiskers by the Beard Liberation Front.

The duo saw off competition from the likes of Prince William, comedians Bill Bailey and Eddie Izzard, broadcaster Robin Lustig and novelist Terry Pratchett.

Previous winners include Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant and England spin bowler Monty Panesar.

Now cat's what I call a quiz night fundraiser

CANTERBURY Cats Protection is holding a fundraising wine and wisdom evening in Herne Bay this month.

It takes place on Saturday, January 24, at Hampton Primary School from 7pm. Tables of eight are available at £7.50 per person.

To book a table, send a cheque made payable to Cats Protection Canterbury Branch, together with an SAE, to: Cats Protection, PO Box 833, Canterbury CT1 1WH. Closing date for bookings is January 17. For more information call 01227 366446.

Words of wisdom from legendary TV star Clive

WRITER and broadcaster Clive James will be making a special appearance in Canterbury next month.

The Australian intellectual will be at the Gulbenkian Theatre from 7.30pm on Saturday, February 21, for Clive James in the Evening. Tickets cost £16.

Other big names appearing at the theatre in 2009 include comedians Lucy Porter, Josie Long and Mark Thomas. Visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian for full listings of upcoming shows.

No more despair as Karl sees the light

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FROM homeless drug-user to aspiring Royal Marine, Karl's story is one of hard work and ambition overcoming drugs and despair – with help from Canterbury charity Porchlight.

Karl is 19 and lives at the Porchlight young persons' hostel in Canterbury. He traces the beginning of his problems to when he started smoking cannabis.

He said: "I had a circle of mates who were into cannabis. I got a part-time job at a supermarket which developed into a full-time one, which was great.

"However, the repetitiveness and a change in management got to me. I began wondering what I was doing there and started taking more and more cannabis, spending up to £40 a day.

"The problem with cannabis is that when you're not happy it makes things so much worse."

Karl started on a downward spiral and after quitting his job things began to get out of control.

He said: "I'd wake up about 2pm or 3pm, go out with my mates until about 10pm and come back really wrecked.

"That was the routine. The arguments were building and building with my parents.

"It's difficult anyway because my dad is disabled. he has a form of multiple sclerosis.

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He was diagnosed when I was eight. He walks like he is 80 years old but is only 50.

"They don't have much money because my mum is a full-time carer. They can't afford to keep me if I'm not working. It got to the point where I was £1,000 in debt with my mum, most of which I had spent on cannabis."

His parents eventually threw him out of their Canterbury home and Karl found accommodation at a temporary night shelter.

He was referred to Porchlight and five months later moved on to the young person's project where, with the support of his key worker, he is turning his life around.

The support the charity is providing has helped Karl to focus on his Prince's Trust course, which has inspired him to pursue a career in the Army.

He said: "The career I am looking for now is a Royal Marine. I want to be a leader. I've only just got my confidence back.

"I believe I can do anything I want to do, not like when I was at rock bottom.

"I genuinely believed I couldn't do anything. It is quite easy to get influenced and get dragged down. You have to learn to back away and do your own thing."



BACK IN CONTROL: Karl's life is being turned around

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Relive 2008: Festival frenzy

CANTERBURY Festival again proved to be the cultural highlight of the year, attracting thousands of revellers and art lovers to what was one of its widest offerings yet.

The festival started in colourful style in October, as more than 500 people joined in the fun of the opening parade through the city.

Our TV crew was there to record the remarkable sights and sounds as the parade snaked through the streets, from the Westgate to Dame John Gardens.

It started a remarkable string of events, ranging from performances in a giant big top, a specially commissioned play in the Cathedral and even a live link-up with the announcement of the Booker Prize literary award as local book lovers formed their own pressure groups in a bid to cheer one of the nominated novels to victory.

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SLOW PROGRESS: Whitstable's narrow streets are coming under scrutiny from transport bosses

Radical action planned to end town gridlock

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

MORE traffic wardens, a one-way system and a park and ride site could all be part of plans to improve Whitstable's struggling road system.

City council transport bosses will call on Kent County Council to investigate "radical" options to tackle Whitstable's traffic problems with a report to be presented to county chiefs this month.

The detailed report brings together several plans, some of which have already been piloted in the town, to tackle specific problems which can bring Whitstable to a standstill, especially in the holiday season.

Limited parking and a lack of enforcement has led to narrow roads becoming clogged with cars, many illegally parked.

And the city council has also admitted the two-way system in the town is not working.

Head of transport and engineering Viv Pritchard said: "The regulations were originally established to balance the needs of pedestrians, disabled people, businesses, motorists, delivery companies and bus and coach operators.

"Given the very limited width of the streets in many areas, there is simply not enough room to allow parking and maintain a free flow of traffic."

To test one aspect of the plans, from June 2008, traffic wardens were stationed perma-

nently in the town for 12 weeks, with instructions to take notes on parking habits and enforce the rules where necessary.

They found a large number of drivers parked on double yellow lines and overstaying their time in loading bays.

More problems were caused by blue badge holders, who are allowed to park on double yellow lines but by doing so caused long tailbacks.

But introducing the wardens worked and parking problems decreased significantly. Now the city council is looking at increasing the presence of traffic wardens in the town, but says it must balance this against enforcing regulations in other areas.

A park and ride scheme is also being considered, but the city council is keeping tight-lipped as to where and how this might be set up.

The scheme hinges on cost and finding a suitable location. Detailed analysis has yet to be carried out, said the city council.

Making the town centre one-way would be the responsibility of KCC's highways department, but this has been suggested to the county authority by the city council.

The report also details minor changes to parking regulations in the High Street and Oxford Street, and an increase in parking spaces due to use of the Oyster Bowls Club.

Relive 2008: Return of Reginald Perrin

BARE-faced cheek was the order of the day in June when 50 men and women stripped off to recreate one of TV comedy's classic moments.

As part of Whitstable's Biennale art festival, volunteers responded to the call of artist Lee Campbell to strip naked and run into the sea, recreating the iconic opening scene of 1970s sitcom The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, which starred Leonard Rossiter.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Still time to have a say on nature reserve plan

THE future of a Whitstable nature reserve is in your hands as consultation continues on Prospect Field – but don't delay in making your voice heard.

Consultation on the Prospect Field draft management plan, which has been put together by the council and the Friends of Prospect Field, runs until Friday, January 9, and organisers are asking local people how the land should be managed.

Prospect Field is an area of scrub and grassland off Joy Lane. The site is a haven for wildlife and gives panoramic views across the estuary to Sheppey and, on clear days, beyond to Southend on the Essex coast.

The plan outlines ideas for sensitively managing the site to benefit both people and wildlife.

If you want to have your say, copies of the plan are available by calling Rosemary Selling on 01227 862577, by visiting the city council website at www.canterbury.gov.uk, or by popping into the town's council office or Whitstable Umbrella Centre.

Spending a penny to cost 10p at new Westgate loos

A BLOCK of 24-hour pay-to-use public toilets has opened in Tower Way, Canterbury.

The city spent £120,000 on the lavatories and users wanting to spend a penny will be charged 10p. The council says the fee will help reduce vandalism.

They replace the toilets opposite in St Peter's Place, which will be closed and removed next year as part of the Westgate Gardens improvements.

Cllr Jenny Samper, said: "By introducing a small charge we can provide the facilities around the clock, which is something residents have told us they want."

Trade takes a hammering as three businesses shut

MOTORWORLD has shut its doors in Whitstable, adding to the woes of the town's traders.

Woolworths closed for the final time last week, leaving one of the town's prime retail sites vacant. The lease will be sold off as part of a deal being negotiated by administrators Deloitte.

Motorworld cited rent problems for the closure of its Oxford Street outlet, while estate agent Dillinger Scott has paid the price for the decline in the property market by shutting its outlet, also in Oxford Street.

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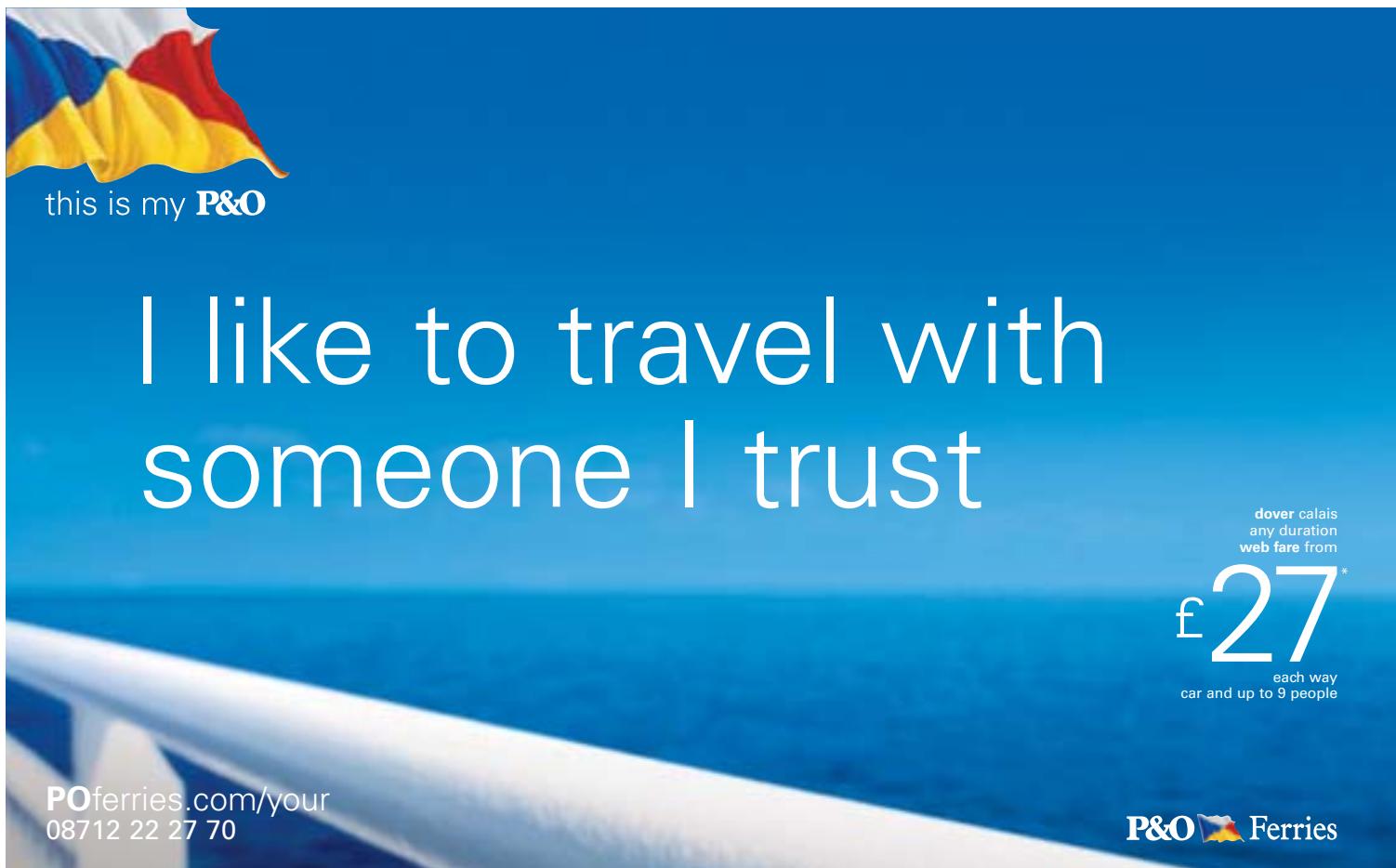
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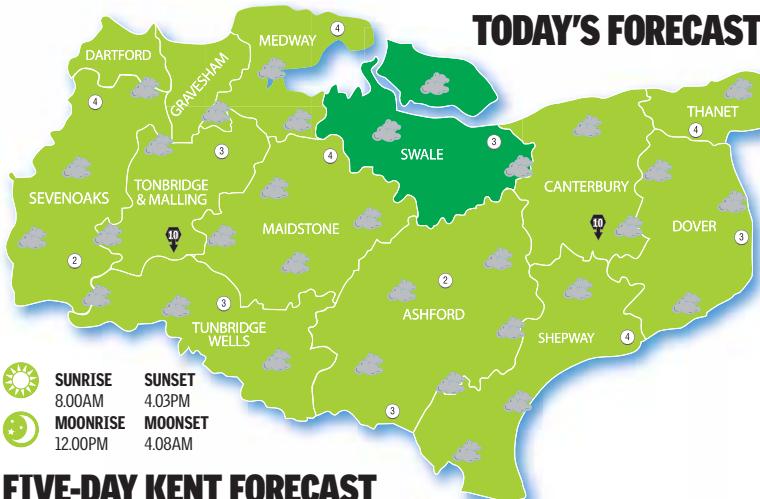
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Dungeness	Saturday	9.52am	7.3m
	Sunday	10.47am	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10.31am	4.8m
	Sunday	11.26am	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	11.31am	5.6m
	Sunday	12.27am	5.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	11.37am	5.2m
	Sunday	12.38am	5.4m

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yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

Community order for vandalising ex's car

DRUNKEN Ian Whittingham was in taken to court for trashing his ex-girlfriend's car.

Together with a pal, Whittingham attacked Katie Ross' Fiat Punto outside a Sheerness nightclub on July 23.

They pulled off wing mirrors and wrecked both front and rear screen wipers and then Whittingham, of Scrapsgate, Minster, scratched the paint work, magistrates heard.

David Applin, prosecuting, said the three had had a row and the pair took it out on her car, causing £400 damage. Whittingham admitted criminal damage to the vehicle but insisted he'd been egged on by his mate.

Chairman of the Bench James West said it was the second time in a year Whittingham had admitted criminal damage. He sentenced him to a year-long community order to include 70 hours unpaid work.

Whittingham was ordered to pay £300 compensation to Miss Ross and £60 court costs.

Train passenger fined for swearing at guard

SEAN O'Brien, 19, swore at a train guard after he was unable to pay his fare.

O'Brien, of Edward Road, Sheerness, was thrown off at Kemsley Station on November 9 after the guard's ticket machine declined his debit card.

The youth had got on the train at Sittingbourne after finding the ticket office closed. He offered to pay, but became abusive when the card was declined.

O'Brien was fined £100 and ordered to pay £60 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.

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LISA WELLS



Q & A

Fund-raising support assistant Lisa Wells speaks to **Nick Ames** about the amazing work done by Macmillan nurses and why they need our help in easing the burden of people living with cancer

Q Can you tell us about your role as fund-raising support assistant?

A My main duties as FSA are to provide support to two fund-raising managers and ensure the office runs smoothly.

Often I am the first point of contact, so I meet a diverse range of people. On a typical day I'll speak to volunteers such as committee members or our schools speaker, Macmillan staff and other supporters who may be doing anything from sponsored slims to running marathons to raise money.

I am also responsible for thanking donors and banking donations, writing press releases for our website, providing admin support during local and national events and solving practical problems in our office.

Every year, Macmillan holds collections at Tesco and Morrisons stores across Kent. I helped to co-ordinate the Tesco collections in October which raised more than £16,000. Recently I have been working to deliver the same success at our Morrisons collections.

It is a varied role with lots of opportunities to meet supporters and attend events. It is challenging and demanding – no two days are the same – but also very rewarding.

Q Is working for a charity something you planned to do?

A After university, I found it extremely difficult to find a job without having real business experience.

It wasn't until a friend offered me some work experience at a charity called the Riverwood

Project that I decided I'd really like to pursue a career within the charity sector.

I approached Macmillan as a volunteer but was lucky enough to be offered a full-time position at the Kent office.

Q Tell us about Macmillan Cancer Support

A Macmillan provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support to people affected by cancer. We have set ourselves the ambition of reaching and improving the lives of everyone living with cancer by 2010.

At a local level we have more than 100 Kent-based Macmillan nurses, doctors and other health professionals such as our dietician and speech and language therapist, who have the expert knowledge to help make living with cancer easier.

In 2007, Macmillan gave more than £210,000 in small grants to about 600 Kent cancer patients. These grants can help cover the cost of transport to hospital, a warm duvet, or even a much-needed family holiday.

Q What is it like to work for such a worthwhile cause?

A It's a charity that is close to my heart and I'm sure this is the case for many people. I am always greeted very positively because people are so interested in the charity and want to support such a good cause.

Q Can you give us some examples of fund-raising events or activities that you have helped to organise?

A When I started with Macmillan in May 2008, I was involved with a sponsored walk at Penshurst Place, just four days prior to starting.

I helped as much as possible, putting together packs for the Army cadets and helping with admin for the day. It was great to see the team in action and to introduce myself to our supporters and volunteers.

I am very involved with our Medway group, which raises funds solely for the Macmillan Cancer Care Unit at Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham.

We organised a fund-raising day in October which made £500. I support the group by raising awareness of events, providing fund-raising materials and sourcing raffle prizes. Our Christmas fair included a perfume tombola from John Lewis. We raised more than £1,000, which was fantastic.

In September I hosted my own coffee morning as part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. I organised games, raffles, food and drink. We raised £559.

Q What is the highest amount ever raised from an event?

A The highest amount I have received was £10,832 from the Rochester and Cobham Park Golf Club.

The captains at the club chose Macmillan as their charity of the year and worked tirelessly to produce this fantastic amount. The money was collected through fund-raising days, raffles, a hog roast and a silent auction.

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Water shortage fears for the Kent desert

■ BY NICK AMES

KENT falls into a part of the UK which has less water per head of population than that available to the inhabitants of largely desert countries Morocco and Egypt.

The county is one of the areas of "serious water stress" identified in an Environment Agency report on the state of the nation's supplies which states that in the event of a hot dry summer rationing and hosepipe bans would inevitably come into force.

The survey warns that many lakes, estuaries and rivers are drained so quickly to provide fresh water for Britain's growing population there is a danger to wildlife and public supplies during dry years.

The Environment Agency says people are still wasting too much water in their homes, while water companies are allowing supplies to escape from leaking pipes.

It calls for the speedier introduction of water meters such as those introduced in Folkestone and on Romney Marsh – and for more reservoirs and desalination plants to be considered only as a last resort.

Trevor Bishop, the head of water resources, said: "We are trying to change the way we manage water resources and put in place the right incentives for people to use less water."

"There are three main ways – metering of customers, tackling leakage and more water efficiency in the home."

According to the agency, homes with meters use 13 per cent less water than those paying fixed water rates.

Mr Bishop added: "We are calling for meters, but in the right way."

The report says the pressure is greatest in the South East and warns that the risk of water shortages, hosepipe bans and other restrictions will increase in the next few decades.



LOW: Water levels have dropped at Bewl, meaning supplies have to be supplemented from other sources

"Over the next 30 years, there will be increasing pressures from the rising population and associated development," it states.

"Looking further ahead, the impact of climate change could have a major impact on the water available for all uses."

Computer forecasts of climate change suggest winters will be wetter on average in Britain but summers will be drier, particularly in the South East.

Compared to the rest of Europe, water resources are under greater stress only in drier countries such as Cyprus, Malta, Spain and Italy, the report added.

In recent years hosepipe bans have been introduced in the summer across much of the county and supplies – including those drawn from Bewl Water – have had to be supplemented by river water from the Medway.



MEATY: Chris Rook (centre) presents Florence Neves and her son Michael with their festive hamper.

A prize turkey

ONE lucky KOS Media reader had a tasty Christmas to remember after winning a food-lovers' competition in our newspapers.

Butcher JC Rook and Sons, which has shops across the county, offered a luxury hamper worth more than £1,000 to make sure the winner enjoyed the festive period in style.

More than 2,500 readers entered competition, but it was Florence Neves and her son Michael from Sittingbourne who took home the turkey.

Other tasty treats included Kent-reared beef, pork and lamb, a goose, smoked salmon, cheeses, cakes, biscuits and of course wines, whiskey, brandy and port.

Drop in stab deaths

FIVE people were stabbed to death on the streets of Kent and Medway last year, new figures have revealed.

The Conservatives found that the number of fatal stabbings in England and Wales during 2007-08 had reached a record high with five people a week nationally losing their lives to knife crime.

Figures for Kent Police showed five people had been killed due to knife violence in 2007-08, down from six in 2006-07.

James Brokenshire, the shadow home affairs minister, called for the offence of knife possession to carry an automatic jail sentence.

"The Government's only response is short term, ad-hoc police operations, the results of which they spin and manipulate anyway to try and get a good story, 2009 must herald a new approach."



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■ BY NICK AMES

A THIRD of mammals in the UK – including many species regularly encountered in the Kent countryside – are in “serious decline”, a disturbing report has revealed.

Dormice, water voles and harvest mice are among the creatures under threat, the State of Britain’s Mammals survey warns.

And even the hedgehog – once a common visitor to many gardens – is under threat because of fewer hibernation sites.

The industrialisation of the countryside, the rise of invasive predators and modern farming techniques are to blame for falls in the numbers of about 40 species.

The report reveals that the number of water voles – a species immortalised by Ratty in The Wind in the Willows – has fallen by 88 per cent in the last 25 years.

They have been devastated by American mink that have escaped from fur farms.

Vazel dormice populations have fallen by 23 per cent the report, written for the People’s Trust for Endangered Species, found.

The list of animals most at risk now includes 18 species – or 30 per cent of all land mammals in the UK.

Chief executive Jill Nelson said although hedgehogs remain a relatively common sight in gardens across the UK, their numbers have



RESTLESS SLEEP: Dormice numbers have declined by almost a quarter in recent years, according to the survey

fallen by a fifth since the early 1970s.

The fashion for neat gardens has robbed them of hibernation hideaways, while they have also been hit by loss of habitat, disease and changing climate.

Mrs Nelson said: “With population numbers of between one and three million there are

plenty of hedgehogs around, but fewer than there once was. They seem to be more prevalent in urban areas now because of changes in agricultural practices.

“When we hear people saying they are not seeing them in their gardens as much as they used to, you start to worry.”

‘Missing’ registered sex offenders revealed by FOI request

THIRTEEN registered sex offenders have “gone missing” in Kent, according to figures obtained by the BBC.

The broadcaster requested information about offenders who are not now at their reg-

istered address under the Freedom of Information Act. Data supplied by 38 police forces across the UK showed 317 sex offenders were reported as missing or unaccounted for.

The largest number of missing offenders was

reported by the Met in London, where 112 have disappeared. Other forces with high numbers missing include the West Midlands with 34, Greater Manchester (18), Northumbria (12) and Sussex (10).

Free legal help for victims of violence in their home

KENT Police are working with the National Centre for Domestic Violence to provide victims with access to legal representation 24 hours a day, all year round.

The partnership was launched at Kent Police College with Chief Superintendent Lee Catling, centre chief executive officer Steve Connor and local solicitors present.

The National Centre for Domestic Violence gives free legal advice and representation to victims of domestic abuse and helps them obtain court non-molestation orders, also known as injunctions.

An injunction stops a violent or abusive partner or ex-partner from using or threatening violence.

Chief Supt Catling said: “This partnership will help police officers in protecting victims and their families from abusers.

“Police and public protection unit officers will be able to refer victims to the centre for advice, which will help them start to rebuild their lives free from violence and abuse. Officers will be able to help victims seek free legal advice quickly.

“It is a criminal offence to breach non-molestation orders and we will arrest anyone breaching court orders.”

Mr Connor said: “Domestic violence is a cowardly crime. Our partnership with Kent Police will give anyone needing legal advice or an injunction fast access to our service, which is free to all regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or financial circumstances.

“By standing together, we will send out a message that this horrific crime will not be tolerated and that we will work to bring abusers to justice.”

The centre is able to offer assistance at court using a ‘MacKenzie friend’ – a person who can offer legal advice – to accompany victims throughout proceedings. Leaflets publicising the partnership and the new services available in Kent and Medway are on display around the county.

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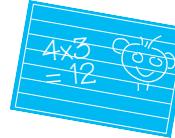
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A primary success for hockey players

MINTERNE Primary School was again victorious in the annual Borden Grammar School-Old Bordeniens Mixed Under 11 Hockey Tournament held in Sittingbourne.

Runners-up Regis Manor worked hard and showed good control and team work but were unable to overcome the skill and organisation of Minterne.

A school spokesman said: "Thanks to all staff and pupils for making the day a great success with a friendly but competitive atmosphere. Borden Grammar School is a Specialist Sports School and the hockey tournament is one of the activities that enable us to share our facilities and expertise with local primary schools."

Expulsions are high

MORE than 7,800 pupils were excluded from schools in Kent and Medway, according to figures from the Conservatives.

The statistics show more children are being suspended from state schools in the South East than anywhere else in England. During 2006-07, there were 7,819 exclusions from schools across the county for offences including assault and violence.

Michael Gove, the shadow children's secretary, said: "Headteachers need discretion to choose the appropriate sanction ... but these figures show that teachers have to rely on suspensions because they don't have the powers to exclude."

Good sport pops in to awards evening

■ BY NICK AMES

FULSTON Manor School has held its annual presentation evening, awarding examination certificates and individual prizes to students from Year 11 and Year 13.

Rita Couzins, the chair of governors at the Sittingbourne school, opened proceedings by recognising the excellence of the overall performance and thanking staff for all their hard work.

A packed Millennium Hall applauded the achievements of these students who between them had secured the best ever sets of examination results which, in the case of last year's sixth formers, had led to 37 of them obtaining places at universities.

Special mention was made of those students who received at least two prizes – Adam Marzetti, George Crimmen, Cara Spiers, Benjamin Friedman, Naomi Honour, Rachel Thompson and Christopher Redman-Holland.

Andrew Scoones also received praise for winning the Rockall Trophy, an award which recognises the student who

has made the most progress throughout their school career.

Andrew was the first student in the county to complete the Kent Higher Education Compact and the first student in Swale to complete an Open University undergraduate module through their Young Applicant Scheme.

The guest of honour was ex-Fulston Manor student Jason Lee. Currently the England and Great Britain senior men's hockey coach, Mr Lee was also the team leader and head coach of the Great Britain men's team who went to the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. Previously he has been an assistant coach to both the men's and women's England senior squads attending the European Nations' Cup, World Cup, Commonwealth Games and Champions' Trophy.

Headteacher Alan Brookes paid tribute both to the hard work of the students and the collective efforts of all others involved, including staff, parents, governors and members of the community.

Whilst celebrating the outstanding academic results he also drew attention to the wide range of other experiences enjoyed by the students and the centrality of a core of values and principles which permeated all that had been achieved.



VISITOR: Jason Lee, a former student, was the guest of honour

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Resolution escalates into a cross training experience

I'VE never really been one for making New Year's resolutions.

I always felt there was nothing to be gained from choosing this particular month for making life-changing decisions. Surely it is best to make these kinds of promises to yourself when you really feel like it?

Having said that, I have succumbed to the common mantra of keeping fit this year; I have even bought an exercise machine. I got the Carl Lewis Cross Trainer second-hand; perhaps in the knowledge it was not worth forking out huge amounts of money on something that was likely to end up in the back of a cupboard or 'accidentally' left at a roadside lay-by.

I bought the instrument of torture from a nice man in Sittingbourne. Well, he was certainly smiling when he saw me coming. It was probably just a sense of relief that he did not have to look at the damn thing for another year, nagging away at his conscience. He proudly said he had only ever used it twice. At least now he has 50 quid in his pocket and

could get some exercise walking to the pub.

I have used the machine more than twice. Three times in fact – and that's three times more than I imagine Carl Lewis ever did. The first time, I stumbled off the pedals as it sent my arms and legs flailing in different directions, ripping my hamstring in the process. The second time I stopped after three minutes because my heart rate was going so fast the pulse detector couldn't keep up. It can deal with anything up to 160 beats per minute but once you go past 300 it just becomes a blur.

I am beginning to believe only three Carl Lewis Cross Trainers were ever made. One for the picture in the catalogues, one demonstrated on TV shopping channels and the third was actually bought by a man in Chelmsford back in 1996 and has since made its way, through numerous owners, to end up in my spare room getting in the way of the filing cabinet.

My other resolution is not to go to the video shop unless I know what I want to watch. On one recent trip I spent nearly an hour in the shop deliberating over some worthy art film,

only to discover it was being shown on BBC2 that night. And it was rubbish.

Talking of films, I must stop watching Star Wars. In the last 12 months my habit has reached junkie levels. I blame the invention of the DVD box set. Sunday afternoons are the worst. I get this terrible craving and I have to get my fix – even if just for five minutes. Then I watch it again when the films are shown on ITV because the picture is slightly bigger and my failing eyesight can see more of the feeble CGI of the dreadful prequels. Before Christmas I actually asked my partner to get me the Clone Wars cartoon; the one done in a drawing style which gives all the characters the physique of Masi Warriors – even Jabba the Hut.

So this year it's less couch surfing in a galaxy far far away and more working out on a do-it-yourself escalator that doesn't go anywhere.

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TALK TIME

KELVIN CUNNINGHAM

The paintball organiser has been hitting the streets of Faversham and Sittingbourne in an effort to get people to sign up for the fun.



What it is that makes paintball fun?
It's a great day out for one thing. It's fun – it's out in the countryside and you are with all of your friends.

And you get the chance to shoot them....
Yes, there's that as well.

What does a day normally entail?
It takes place for about eight hours a session and there are a number of sites in Kent people can go to. Very popular is one just outside Canterbury and one in the city. They are run by the International Paintball Group and that's who I work for. I tell people what's on offer if they want to come along. There is the fun of the competition, then there is food and drink, so it's a complete day out.

How have people been taking to you in the street today?

It's been good, people in Swale seem a cheerful lot. I've got a demonstration helmet and weapon here to show them so they can see what the kit is like.

What sort of people normally sign up?

All sorts – we have stag and hen groups, we have business groups, just friends and sometimes people on their own who just want to have a go. For many it's a real release – a chance to let off a bit of steam.

YOUR LETTERS



Goodbye to our national institution

What a shame to see all those branches of Woolworths now closed forever.

This national institution will not be the last to go when it comes to high street stores and I forecast things will be a lot worse before they get better in 2009.

Let's hope the Government adopts a few policies which tackle the long term implications of the credit crunch and doesn't just opt for a quick-fix approach which will see further problems pile up in the future.

Philip Turner
By email

Closure sale really emptied the store

I went to the final sale in Woolworths and was stunned to see the store selling off its shelves. What good could they be to anyone?

I've heard of everything must go sales but that was ridiculous.

Brian Hills
By email

Philip Turner
By email



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few actually applied their brakes and everyone seemed determined to travel at the same speeds.

Surely, no-one is going to object if you turn up at your destination five minutes late as you've driven safely?

The phrase 'better late than dead on time' applies here.

Mrs J Humphrey
Sheldwich

It's time to switch off your lights

I would like to make an appeal through your paper to please urge everyone that by the time your paper comes out, they should have removed all their Christmas decorations.

There is perhaps nothing more depressing than going deep into the new year with people still refusing to take lights and trees down from the festive season.

And I suspect I am not alone in that thought.

David Ames
Faversham



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You're better late than dead on time

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On Tuesday I was driving

down the A251 and visibility was appalling in so many places due to the low sun on the horizon and the fact water in my windscreen reservoir had iced up and I couldn't clean the windows.

What's more, peering out I could see other drivers were having the same problem. Yet so

We can be proud of our Olympic heroes

In many ways 2008 has been a year people will want to forget, with the continuing economic woes and the problems in the middle east and across the continent of Asia.

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Warren Bright
By email



Lovely robin was a sight to behold

You recently carried an article about the RSPB and its call to put out winter nesting boxes.

I did in my garden and was delighted that a large variety of birds took advantage of the box.

The sight of a robin at Christmas time was a particular delight.

Diane McIntyre
By email

We need a Dr Who has some charisma

I must say how much I enjoyed the recent Christmas Dr Who show – but it certainly showed David Morrissey should not be considered for the title role.

In the part he played he was very good. But when he was next to David Tennant it was clear who the star was. He did not have a fraction of the true Doctor's charisma and even though I'm sure the script was written that way, he did

not show nearly enough to warrant the permanent role.

Whoever is chosen as the next Timelord will have a great deal of work to do to even come close to Tennant's fine portrayal.

Tony Simpkins
By email

On the road to using ludicrous names

The recent move to suggest roads should be named after local people who have achieved something is a good one and would be a way to commemorate those who have put something into communities or left their hometowns and prospered elsewhere. But it should not be politically motivated.

The 80s saw a succession of ludicrous left wing councils naming otherwise normal streets after obscure Latin American "freedom fighters" or subsequently disgraced African politicians. It became a standing joke.

Paul Crowther
By email

Countdown begins to the next festivities

Can I be the first to tell readers from today (January 7) – there are only 352 days until Christmas?

I wonder when the first adverts for toys will appear on TV and the first cards will be on sale in stores?

Around early September I'd say judging by last year.

Lucy Pearce
By email

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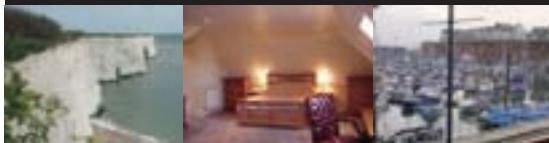
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LEGENDS OF ROCK: Status Quo will play Bedgebury Pinetum & Forest's first concert of the summer – tickets are likely to sell extremely quickly

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Summer concerts to banish winter blues

AFTER all the festive excitement, cast your mind ahead to the entertainment treats that 2009 will bring.

It is never too early to think about the summer, so banish those winter blues with thoughts of warm sun on your back and great music in your ears.

Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest has announced the line-up for its big summer concerts, and music fans can look forward to another fantastic weekend.

On the Saturday, legendary rockers Status Quo will be filling the forest air with their unmistakable sound.

Tickets for Quo's outdoor gigs always sell out quickly, so book soon to avoid missing out on this musical treat. The band last played at Bedgebury three years ago and, having sold out three forest concerts last year, are looking forward to returning to the Kent setting.

Having been in the business for five decades, Status Quo are a rock'n'roll institution. They have sold more than 118 million records worldwide and scored more than 63 hit UK singles, more than any other band.

Their records have spent more than seven and a half years in the charts and they made 106 appearances on Top of the Pops.

In a real change of tone, the Sunday will see Katherine Jenkins dazzling the audience with her spectacular voice. A true symbol of girl power, the classical superstar's fifth album outsold the likes of Girls Aloud and the Spice Girls. At just 28,

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she is already the fastest-selling soprano ever, with global record sales of more than three million.

She will be accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra as she demonstrates the versatile voice that has allowed her to sing everything from the great arias of opera to the Hollywood classics.

Tickets cost £32 for Status Quo and £32.50 for Katherine Jenkins, subject to a booking fee. To book, phone the ticket hotline on 01842 814612, buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music, or go to the Bedgebury visitor centre.

The Bedgebury concerts are just two of the exciting events happening in Kent later this year. Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm is back during July 10-12 and music lovers can look forward to another great weekend of music. For updates, you can visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

After a mixed reaction to the Zoo8 event last summer, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe, pledged to return with an improved festival for 2009. Line-up and ticket details are still to be announced.

Sellindge Music Festival became a fully-fledged music event for the first time last year, attracting Idlewild as its headline act.

Tickets go on sale this month for the three-day event, which returns to Hope Farm, near Ashford, from June 5-7. You can find out more at www.sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk.



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NEW SEASON

Gulbenkian Theatre,
Canterbury

FROM jazz to folk, from comics to dance, the Gulbenkian's new season is bursting with exciting shows. Music fans will be spoilt for choice as British jazz legend Acker Bilk and the undisputed 'princess of jazz' Jacqui Dankworth make a welcome return.

Take part in the 40th anniversary celebrations of folk-rock pioneers Steeleye Span, experience the music of Nationwide Mercury Prize nominee Eliza Carthy or try something a little different in the community singing project Global Voices Workshop.

If you are looking for a laugh, check out Rhod Gilbert, Mark Watson, Josie Long, Pappy's Fun Club, Mark Thomas, Lucy Porter (pictured) or last year's if Comedy Award winner, David O'Doherty.

Step into a different world with Strangeface's darkly

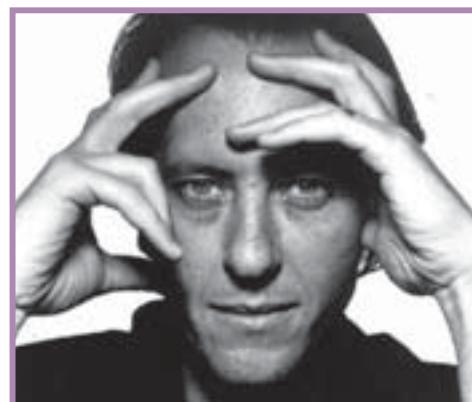


comic folk tale The Last Resort or witness the moving story of an Eastern European girl's journey to England in In A Thousand Pieces.

There is drama in The Pickwick Papers and Can Any Mother Help Me?,

while children can experience the magic of theatre with How The Giraffe Got Its Neck and Grandpa Joe's Magic Show.

For more information call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



NEW SEASON

Marlowe Theatre,
Canterbury

RICHARD E Grant will be among the acclaimed actors treading the Marlowe's boards this season.

The Withnail and I star plays a parent who turns into a child in the hit West End comedy God of Carnage. When two boys fight at school, a meeting between their enlightened parents soon descends into childish squabbling. The play will be arriving in Canterbury in March before returning to the West End.

In February two more film and stage legends, Edward Fox and Claire Bloom, will be appearing in Lloyd George Knew My Father, a hilarious drawing room comedy that depicts the British aristocracy at their most eccentric as Lady Boothroyd fights to save her historic home.

Later that month the Russian Ice Stars will appear in the breathtaking Cirque de Glace and people will be dancing in the aisles to the Blues Brothers Party.

Enjoy a Brief Encounter in March with Noel Coward's romantic classic or experi-

ence one of the new season's one-night shows. Willard White, Claire Teal, Jimmy Carr and the Philharmonic Orchestra are just some of the new season's highlights.

For more information call 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

NEW SEASON

Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre
Whitstable

THE new season at the Horsebridge gets off to a great start this weekend with Playtime Theatre's Secrets.

On Saturday (Jan 10), children will be invited to participate in the story of village toymaker who is threatened with eviction. His toys come to life and hatch a plan to save him in this enchanting play which includes puppetry.

Vintage jazz band the Blue Rhythm Kings will continue to make their regular visits, while this month's Horsebridge Comedy gets the year off to a great start with a visit from Richard Herring on January 30.

Discover the stars of tomorrow from February at the weekly comedy showcase Monkey-shine and enjoy an alternative Valentine's Day night out in the company of Alan Clayton (pictured), one of rock 'n' roll's more extraordinary figures.

Also in February, Upstage Musical Productions will strive to create a new musical with young people in just a week. In March The Theatre of the Small presents Faust and Other Devilish Tales, a chilling



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Another busy year in store for folk lovers

FOR a fantastic line-up of folk music, take a look at this year's programme at Faversham Folk Club.

Held every Wednesday at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street, the next act will be The Blackhearts on January 21 but even on Wednesdays when there are no guests, the club holds a singers night.

Everyone is welcome to bring their instruments, sing or just enjoy the music and admission is £1 for all. For more details visit www.favershamfolkclub.net.

Am-dram players move into the internet age

ONE of Kent's oldest amateur drama groups has entered a new age by launching its own website.

The Charing Guild of Players was formed in 1946 and 12 years later, members and parishioners paid £100 to buy their own 17th century tithe barn where they still perform today. Since then the Guild has performed more than 100 plays and is always open to new members.

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Jolie's moving portrayal of mother's hunt for son

ANGELINA Jolie faces every mother's nightmare in Clint Eastwood's acclaimed film, Changeling.

Jolie is tipped for an Oscar for her portrayal of a single woman whose young son disappears in 20s Los Angeles, only to be 'reunited' with the wrong boy.

Changeling (15) is at the Gulbenkian Cinema, Canterbury, on Friday (Jan 9) and from Monday (Jan 12) to Thursday (Jan 15). Tickets cost £7/£6.

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CHE – PART ONE (15)



Award-winning director Steven Soderbergh brings the life story of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara to the big screen. In the first of a two-part work, Che is found working with Fidel Castro to co-ordinate the 1956 mission to take control of Cuba. On their journey to topple the dictatorship, they encounter massive support and forge life-long friendships.

Pair are in good spirits

■ BY KATE WHITING

SAMUEL L Jackson is humming a ditty and looks so happy with the world, it's impossible not to beam at him as he shakes my hand.

The 60-year-old actor has plenty of reasons to be content. For a start, he's sitting next to the ever-glamorous Scarlett Johansson and he's just been honoured with a prestigious American Cinematheque Award for his contribution to movies.

Today, at a luxurious London hotel, he's in an ebullient mood. He's very enthusiastic about his latest film role in the daringly comic-like film adaptation of Will Eisner's *The Spirit*.

Samuel plays The Octopus, a deeply disturbed scientist and master of the criminal underworld, while 24-year-old Scarlett is his sexy sidekick Silken Floss.

It's clear from the way the pair are so relaxed and chatty with each other that they forged a strong friendship on set.

"We definitely enjoyed ourselves," says Scarlett, flashing Sam a cheeky smile.

"Amazingly we'd only see each other at award shows, but the moment we got on the plane together leaving LA, we kind of went 'Right, we're going to have a good time,'" explains Sam.

"We just looked at each other and smiled and laughed and I thought 'OK, I like her'. We connected immediately and we had a good time every day. No matter what kind of time anyone else was having, we had a good time."

The Spirit tells the story of Denny Colt (played by newcomer Gabriel Macht), a murdered policeman who has mysteriously come back to life as the masked



ADAPTED: Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L Jackson and Eva Mendes star in *The Spirit*

crime-fighter, The Spirit. He has just one goal in mind, keeping his beloved Central City safe from villains like The Octopus, but he still finds time for a string of beautiful women who either want to love or kill him.

With Sin City creator and director Frank Miller at the helm, Sam and Scarlett were given free rein to play around with their baddie image, particularly because their characters were only roughly

sketched out in Will Eisner's original 40s comic.

We're used to seeing Sam tackling a range of character-driven roles in films ranging from *Pulp Fiction* to *Snakes On A Plane*. But it's unusual to see Scarlett, who made her name through a mix of indie films and costume dramas, in such a quirky role.

The Octopus and Silken go through an incredible number of costume changes – one minute

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they're a samurai warrior and geisha and the next Scarlett's in a very revealing nurse's outfit with curly white wig.

"A lot of times you're a character like a journalist, for instance, and you don't have the opportunity to be all costumed and glamorous and really play with different looks," the actress explains.

"I was really inspired by the golden age of Hollywood, by Lucille Ball and other actresses from the 40s. I wanted to play with that film noir look. But you're not necessarily conscious of it while you're working. It's something you do and when the director says 'Wow, you look fabulous', you're like 'Yes, that two hours in hair and make-up was worth it!'"

Next year Scarlett will be back on screen with Jennifer Aniston and Drew Barrymore in *He's Not That Into You*, while Sam has just finished 'torturing' Michael Sheen in the thriller *Unthinkable*.

But before then the pair celebrated the festive season at home in the States with their families – Sam with his wife of 28 years Latanya and their daughter Zoe – and Scarlett with her new husband, actor Ryan Reynolds.

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4. Blackburner - 13/3/09 at Snowdon Colliery Welfare Club in Aylesham
5. Kayley Weller - 28/3/09 at The Alma in Deal

Anarchy night Taps into some rocking new acts

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of up-and-coming bands has been lined up to play at the Tap'n'Tin this month – giving music fans the chance to catch a glimpse of the industry's next best things.

Seven groups will take to the stage in the coming weeks, performing at the Chatham venue's Anarchy All Ages club night, open to anyone over the age of 16.

First up on Sunday (January 11) is The Chase, with support coming from Fate Of A Stranger and The Startover.

Lower Than Atlantis headline the next Anarchy night on Sunday, January 25, with Pay No Respect, Breaking The Day and Trial Of Fifty also on the bill. Tickets cost £6, or £5 with an Anarchy wristband.

For more details, visit www.tapntin.co.uk.

Here's a selection of short band biogs to whet your appetite:

The Chase

The unsigned London five-piece cite Foo Fighters, Oasis and The Killers among their influences, but their sound is more akin to the American emo-rock favoured by the likes of Fall Out Boy and Panic At The Disco.

Later this month the band will set off on a seven-date UK tour with Farewell City and Scarlet Desire in tow. Having built up a 21,000-strong army of online fans, this could be the year The Chase break through.

See www.myspace.com/thechaseuk.

Fate of a Stranger

Fellow Luton-based emo-rockers Fate Of A Stranger offer a "self-styled brand of post-



Picture MARIONNE HARRIS

If you miss the Tap gig, you can catch The Startover live on three occasions in Maidstone next month.

See www.myspace.com/thisisthestartover.

Lower Than Atlantis

Watford-born four-piece rockers Lower Than Atlantis, who are signed to the Thirty Days Of Night label, come to Medway on Sunday, January 25, and are sure to test the venue's sound system.

All the rock essentials are there – fast guitars, loud vocals and bundles of energy.

Pay No Respect

Heavier than the night's headliners, Pay No Respect offer the darker side to the rock scene – dishing out three-minute songs of screamed vocals and menacing drum beats.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

OZ AND JAMES DRINK TO BRITAIN
BBC Two, 8pm, Tuesday
DANCING ON ICE
ITV1, 7pm, Sunday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WHEN James May lolled his way onto our screens a few years ago he hardly seemed the domineering type.

But it's hard to escape "Captain Slow" these days and difficult to turn on the TV without seeing that slightly bemused expression peering back at you from behind one of the country's worst haircuts.

From his 20th Century show, to Top Toys, Big Ideas and, of course, Top Gear, which led him to stardom, May is everywhere.

His meteoric rise has echoed Richard Hammond's, who could also fill an entire channel with his shows.

Both are no doubt laughing all the way to the bank.

May's latest show sees him once more teaming up with Oz Clarke, the slightly over-the-top wine expert, to get drunk.

Unlike the last adventures when these two lucky chaps set out on Oz and James's Big Wine Adventure (undoubtedly inspired by the excellent film Sideways) the focus this time is more on brilliant beers than blinding Bordeaux.

The pair will travel through Britain and Ireland to marvel at all things alcoholic in a 1982 Rolls Royce Corniche. Nice work if you can get it.

The two previous series were an enjoyable enough romp as the scruffy May was time and again upstaged by the Clarke palette, leading to much entertaining alcohol-fuelled bickering, so expect more of the same this time around.



ON ICE: With Celebrity Big Brother already clogging up our schedules, brace yourself for more reality telly with Dancing on Ice

Just when you thought it was safe to return to the sofa on a weekend night, after the seemingly endless run of The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing, ITV deal us all a real hammer blow and schedule the return of Dancing on Ice.

The whole shebang is another celebrity-led affair, of course, and I fear TV channels have long since given up with the general public.

Hollyoaks' nearly man Jeremy Edwards, EastEnders' Todd Carty and various other soap nobodies will prance around on the slippery stuff for the agonisingly long 12-week run while rink royalty Torvill and Dean will once more be tormentors in chief.

The main talking point of the series last year was the plunging neckline of Holly Willoughby's frocks, which says a lot for the actual 90 minutes of skating offered up each week.

The nightmare begins on Sunday.

Don't know about you but I'm bored of 2009 already.

BY RUSSELL GRANT



YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR star is on the rise. Don't be surprised if you are given an important leadership position. People respect your ideas and are willing to follow your advice. Improving a school, house of worship, or cultural institution may take up the lion's share of your time this year.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

2009 promises to be one of the best years ever career-wise. Opportunities related to broadcasting, computers, or airline travel are looking good. You could also find a good position related to education, travel, or publishing. If you'd like to break into another industry ask a friend.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

THERE'S never been a better year to get married or start a business. Two heads are better than one. If you join finances with somebody, your fortune will increase. If you're single, this would be good time to consult a money manager. News regarding a job could reach your ears.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SUPPORT from friends and family helps you make several breakthroughs. Don't be afraid to get counselling for a problem. Putting this issue to rest will liberate you. Romance could burst into flower this week. You're especially drawn to a shy artist who is quite spiritual.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

IT may feel as if you're surrounded by a protective shield this year. While others have problems you seem to be riding high without a care in the world. Starting this week, you'll have more time for hobbies. Ask your partner how they see your future and start making plans.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

AN opportunity to expand your horizons will come your way. Going back to school, writing a book, or living abroad could be in the cards. It's possible your job will prompt this venture. You may be hesitant to make such a move. Eventually, though, you'll enjoy this turn of events.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

IF you ever wanted to start your own business, this is the year to do it. You'll find clients at every turn. If you fulfil your responsibilities you will reach a new level of professional success. When your knees threaten to buckle under your responsibilities, turn to a loved one.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

TAKING or teaching a class will lend insight to philosophical matters. It's possible you'll adopt a religious philosophy or spiritual outlook. Repainting a drab room could make a tremendous difference to your mood. Your leadership ability could help you land a lucrative job.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

SPENDING more time on solitary pleasures will help you recover from a hectic festive season. Friends will assume an increased importance in your life. When you feel overwhelmed ask your loved ones for help. They'll be happy to help. Open your heart and be receptive.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOUR love life gets a boost this year. You could meet someone special at a house of worship, adult classroom, or library. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat rebel with a generous spirit. If you're in a relationship, 2009 is a good time to make a major change in your home or career.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

THIS week kicks off a period of fun, romance, and adventure. It's possible that you'll be able to mix business with pleasure. When you have a little extra money, invest it in your wardrobe. When you look good, you feel good. A relative may be poised to give you the financing.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR income is in for a boost. A rise helps you afford luxuries previously beyond reach. Be sure to spend a portion of your cash on an overseas trip. A love letter or birthday message puts a spring in your step. Don't hesitate to propose bold plans. You never know who is listening.

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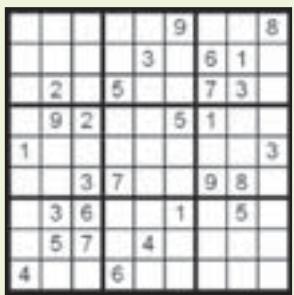
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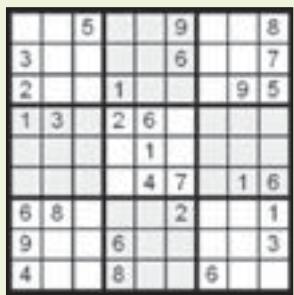
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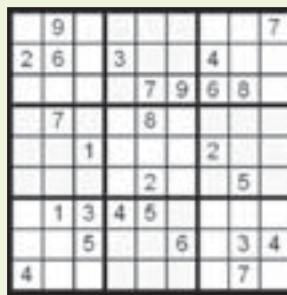
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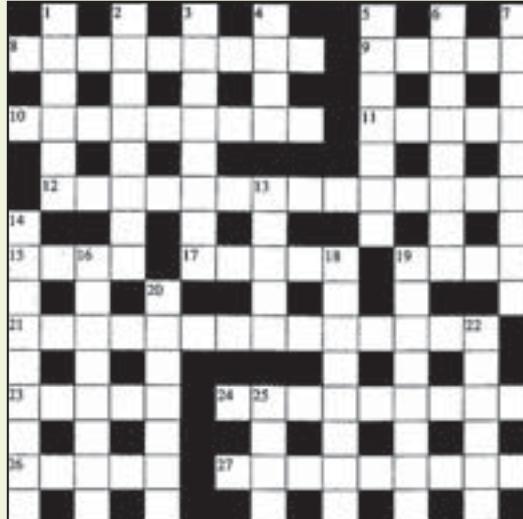
ACROSS

- 8 Underground room in the act had been decoded (9)
- 9 During tremor a grand lady appeared (5)
- 10 Post Office (9)
- 11 Comfort companion at all times (5)
- 12 Putting a stop to something after one's had a bath (7,3,4)
- 15 Not the whole role (4)
- 17 Search into books for information about dig (5)
- 19 Picancy of orange-peel (4)
- 21 Reprimand for having to score goal perhaps in one's underwear (4,2,3,5)
- 23 Daughter in rain moved to lowest point (5)
- 24 A way Ronald has with gold model, a spaceman (9)
- 26 Produced a bloomer using lower mouthpiece (5)
- 27 Additional part for accomplice (9)

DOWN

- 1 Get back, are lacking a successful move (6)
- 2 Bet Clare could remove ornamental chain (8)
- 3 With this one is not prejudiced to receive and consider new ideas (4,4)
- 4 We're endlessly going round one dam (4)
- 5 Kiss for £1! (7)
- 6 Real sportsman who is unwaveringly faithful (4-4)
- 7 Total of materials used with cement to form concrete (9)
- 13 Pull up child from deep valley (5)
- 14 Said quartet said to be reserved (6,3)
- 16 Carol held redirected to town near Manchester (8)
- 18 One selling overseas was stout (8)
- 19 Clownishness of last character Annie performing on board (8)
- 20 Mess is putrid, I leave to break up (7)
- 22 Unimportant person quits turning runs inside (6)
- 25 Clothing cassocks hide (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 SW US state (3,6)
- 9 Farewell (5)
- 10 Obstacle (9)
- 11 Roman (anag.) (5)
- 12 Not good enough (14)
- 15 Roman garment (4)
- 17 Just (5)
- 19 Machine-gun (4)
- 21 Mathematical term (6,8)
- 23 Reward (5)
- 24 Temperate (9)
- 26 Steel mast (5)
- 27 Immunise (9)

DOWN

- 1 Unpleasant familiar illusion (4,2)
- 2 Food of the gods (8)
- 3 Man appointed by testator (8)
- 4 Frozen (4)
- 5 Hanging bed (7)
- 6 Postings (anag.) (8)
- 7 Extracting from open excavation (9)
- 13 Sweetener (5)
- 14 Tall silk hat (9)
- 16 Easily tricked (8)
- 18 Sound of a clock (4-4)
- 19 Rotating (8)
- 20 Pepper (7)
- 22 Fourscore and ten (6)
- 25 Heehaw (4)

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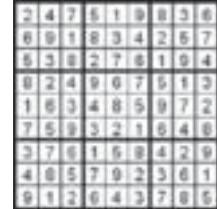
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Your very own prison break

BY JANE CONNOLLY

ANYONE who fancies spending the night behind bars will want to break into Malmaison Oxford.

The former Victorian prison has been converted into a luxurious boutique hotel, which offers a real change of scene for law-abiding travellers. A million miles away from the identikit feel of many chain hotels, this unusual and striking site is the perfect base from which to explore the equally engaging city of Oxford.

Easy to reach by car and just five minutes' walk from the railway station, the hotel is just around the corner from the city's main shopping streets. Parking is limited and it is recommended visitors book a space in advance.

We were welcomed into the dramatic reception by polite and immaculately presented staff and the level of service never dropped from then on. Our luggage and car could be left in their good hands well before the 3pm check-in, allowing us to go off and explore at our leisure.

I was unsure how it would feel to be accommodated in a former prison and the main building still boasts its gantries and original cell doors. But soft lighting and tasteful furnishings meant that although the place was undeniably atmospheric, there was nothing gloomy about it.

Our room was in the House of Corrections and did not have as many original features as rooms in the main building, but it still had deep-set stone window frames and looked out onto the large courtyard.

The room was large with a lovely modern bathroom and the chic decor incorporated clever references to the site's former function. Cushions made of rough blanket fabric perched on the crisp white sheets and luxurious throw, while a complimentary pair of pink handcuffs added a touch of humour.



IN THE CLINK: Malmaison is a stunningly converted Victorian prison, and gives a break to Oxford an unusual twist

Dinner in the cosy subterranean brasserie was a real treat, with the hotel paying as much attention to the quality of the food as to the service and ambience. Best of all, you would not need to rob a bank to enjoy a meal there.

Our starters of jabugo iberico ham (£8) and Oxford blue cheese fondue (£6.95) were delicious, while the main courses were mouth-watering. I ordered the delicious roasted breast of duck with garlic cream potato (£16.95) and my husband could not praise his slow-cooked belly pork (£12.95) enough. We finished the meal with a light crème brûlée (£5.95) and ice cream respectively, before retiring to the funky bar for a nightcap.

Breakfast made a refreshing change to the slapdash affair found in many hotels. Our

superb cooked breakfasts – full English for him, eggs Benedict with bacon for me – cost £13.95 and included all we could eat from the impressively rustic buffet.

Oxford itself is a hugely attractive city, with beautiful buildings wherever you look in the centre and plenty to explore. It is also excellent for shopping, offering an extensive choice of high street stores and an apparently thriving array of independent traders. We will definitely be making a return visit and would highly recommend the Malmaison Oxford as somewhere to enjoy a memorable prison break.

Prices start from £150 per room, per night. Parking costs £20 for 24 hours.

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What to see: Students who attend Oxford's world-renowned university study in beautiful buildings that can be admired around the city centre. Duke Humphrey's Library and the Divinity School in the Bodleian Library have both doubled for rooms in Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films. The stunning Christ Church College, with its cathedral, choir, meadow and picture gallery, is one of the highlights of any tour. Explore the city with a variety of guided, DIY and bus tours which take in the architecture and history of this fascinating city. Just eight miles outside Oxford is the magnificent Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and home to the 11th Duke of Marlborough. For more ideas visit www.visitoxford.org.



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SMC's smack in the eye for the recession

KENT dealer group SMC has kicked off 2009 with a recession-busting sale at its Ford and Mitsubishi outlets with savings of more than £15,000 possible against list prices on new cars and many bargains on used stock.

There will also be a prize draw for customers who take advantage of the 'Great SMC Sale' running until January 31.

They could win a large LCD television, Apple iPod Touch or an X-Box 360 games console, with the draw to be held on February 18.

Ford's line-up has just had a further upgrade with the all-new Fiesta (pictured) and also includes the Focus – the UK's no1 seller – the latest Mondeo family model plus award-winning MPVs: the C-Max, sporty S-Max and spacious Galaxy people carrier.

SMC has sites at Crayford, Gravesend and Sittingbourne.



Fiat gadget helps drivers cut costs and emissions

FIAT claims thousands of motorists using its eco:Drive fuel-saving advice device since launch in October, have saved more than 163,000kg of CO2.

The free-of-charge tool helps drivers understand and adjust the impact of their driving style on fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

Using a USB stick plugged into the car's dashboard, eco:Drive records detailed information about the vehicle and how it is driven, which can be uploaded on to a computer (see picture). It then gives an analysis of the driver's performance, along with suggestions on how to improve efficiency further by improving driving methods.

"eco:Drive offers real benefits, helping drivers improve driving efficiency, saving fuel and reducing their impact on the environment," says Andrew Humbert of Fiat Group Automobiles UK.

People using eco:Drive can become part of eco:Ville, an online community. Members have used it to offer ideas and feedback over the last three months, which Fiat has responded to – already the company has released four enhanced versions of the system.

Next year eco:Drive will become available for use in the Fiat Bravo and Qubo – it already features in Fiat 500 and Grande Punto models – and there are plans to further widen the scope of the technology across the entire range.



PRESSURE IS ON: The new Vauxhall Corsa is giving the Fiesta a run for its money with sharper styling and elements to appeal to a variety of supermini buyers

Strong Corsa is out to spoil Fiesta-time

BRITAIN'S supermini race tends to be a two-horse tussle between the Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa and the latter might be expected to be under pressure now from the all-new Ford.

But don't jump to conclusions; the Vauxhall has been exceptionally dominant while waiting for the new generation Ford and won't be giving ground easily.

The Corsa is more sharply styled than before and can court different categories of buyer: the low slung three-door attracts younger buyers, while the smart yet more practical five-door caters for families and older customers.

Where the old Corsa had also started to look low rent inside, against supermini rivals and newer Vauxhall models, the latest is a paragon of quality, using high grade materials and brighter interior colours and trims.

The steering wheel is adjustable for height and reach on most models, the seats are higher quality and the dash is attractive and well-organised. Underlining the car's youthful

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VAUXHALL CORSA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

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appeal, there is also an MP3 audio connection on most models.

Leg, shoulder and headroom front and rear has increased across the board and Vauxhall claims the cabin is one of the quietest in its class, with reduced NVH (noise, vibration and harshness). Having driven several versions now, I can't argue with that and the car handles and rides in a much tidier fashion than of old too – there is even a cracking little VXR 'pocket rocket' model.

As more of us downsize in search of greener motoring or convenience, the new Corsa also falls into what I call the 'supersize-me-mini' segment, typified by the latest Renault Clio, Fiat Punto and Peugeot 207. These bigger superminis deliver greater crash protection and retain some big car comforts for owners seeking to reduce both their physical and carbon footprint on the roads.

The 1.4 Club is the best seller – Club is the mid-range trim above Expression and Life, while the 1.4i petrol engine delivers a balance of economy, power and refinement. But it is the SXi tested here (list price £10,550) that cuts a dash with its sporty looks and smart alloys as standard.



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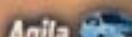
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
01	51	Agila Enjoy	1.2	5	Green tea	76,350	2,595
08	08	Agila Design	1.2	5	Atlanta blue	1,750	9,350



Tigra

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	06	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Star silver	15975	9,495
08	08	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Antigua	9,650	11,995



Astra

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
00	00*	Astra Club Auto	1.6	5	Silver	37,000	2,695
05	55	Astra Breeze	1.6	5	Silver lightening	38,000	6,795
06	06	Astra Sxi CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	20,850	7,695
07	07	Astra Energy Auto	1.8	5	Star Silver	15,300	7,575
07	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	9,995
07	57	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	9,695
07	57	Astra SRI	1.8	5	Silver Lightning	9,650	8,995
07	57	Astra Sport Twin Top	1.8	2	Star Silver	14,650	11,995
08	57	Astra Breeze Plus	1.7D	5	Star silver	12,300	10,995
08	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Star silver	17,300	10,495
08	08	Astra SXI	1.4	5	Black Sapphire	6,300	9,495
08	08	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Star Silver	9,350	10,495
08	08	Exclusive IS200 Conv	1.9D	2	Black	8,885	16,995
08	08	Sxi Sports Hatch	1.4	3	Star silver	7,350	9,995
08	08	Sri CDTi Ext pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	5,630	13,995
08	08	Sxi Sports Hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	3,200	9,995
08	08	Astra Club Auto	1.8	5	Star silver	3,460	10,895
08	08	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Moonland	4,500	9,495
08	08	Astra Breeze Plus	1.4	3	Black sapphire	TBA	10,495
08	08	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	TBA	9,995



Corsa

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Corsa Design	1.4	3	Air blue	15,800	7,495
08	08	Corsa VXR	1.6	3	Arden blue	4,700	13,995
08	08	Corsa Design	1.4	3	Air blue	15,800	7,495
08	08	Corsa VXR	1.6	3	Arden blue	4,700	13,995
08	08	Corsa Design	1.4	3	Star silver	TBA	10,495
08	08	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	3	Metro blue	TBA	11,345
08	08	Corsa Design	1.3D	3	Star silver	TBA	10,495
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	TBA	9,795
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Flame red	TBA	9,495
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	TBA	9,795
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	TBA	9,795



Meriva

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
04	04	Meriva Life A/c	1.6	5	Spearmint silver	43,000	4,695
05	56	Design CDTi Ext pack	1.7D	5	Metro blue	29,170	7,995
06	08	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	1.3D	5	Star silver	3,350	11,995
08	08	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Lancelot	2,870	8,495
08	08	Meriva Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	12,500	8,995



Vectra

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
05	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	6,995
08	57	CDTi Excl Auto	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	5,350	11,995
08	08	Exclusive CDTi	1.9D	5	Silver	9,380	10,495
08	08	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Black sapphire	6,000	8,495



Zafira

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
05	05	Zafira Life	1.8	5	Ultra blue	38,250	5,995
05	05	Zafira Design	1.6	5	Star silver	39,000	6,195
05	05	Zafira Life A/c	1.8	5	Star silver	52,300	5,995
05	55	New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	31,650	6,995
08	08	New Breeze CDTi +	1.9D	5	Star silver	3,985	13,995
08	08	Zafira Club CDTi	1.9D	5	Star silver	8,500	12,495



Signum

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	57	Exclusiv CDTi Nav	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,950	12,995

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SO successful has been the MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or 'people carrier' concept that its influence has carried over to other car sectors. None more so than superminis, where designs are tending to be taller and more flexible, with 'smart' seating arrangements, extra headroom and load-lugging ability. None of the trio here would win styling prizes, but such versatility comes as standard and they are probably the closest to being the market's 'jacks of all trades'. After several years on the market, affordable examples should be easy to find too.

VAUXHALL MERIVA



NOT quite as influential as Vauxhall's bigger Zafira perhaps, but the Meriva has become a popular used buy with families seeking a manageable yet capacious family holdall. The car drives and handles well and offers a higher driving position than equivalent family hatchbacks and estates, without being ridiculously lofty. Add Vauxhall's usual versatile 'Flex' system interior features, a reputation for reliability and a good range of engines including diesels and you can see why Meriva used prices can be high.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA JAZZ



HONDA's Jazz has definitely hit the right note and won a host of awards. Beware early examples, which were too firmly sprung for some tastes, but later models are good to drive and better to ride in while retaining cheeky looks and versatile rear seating. The range lacks a diesel, but offers a continuously variable automatic gearbox (CVT) option with pre-selected positions that are reassuring to use, while bringing all the benefits of a CVT auto's better fuel consumption.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN NOTE



NISSAN threw the rule book away with the Note to create a partial replacement for its long-running yet unloved Almera family hatchback, while also acquiring a small MPV with a more compact stance. The result is a versatile, roomy and manageable small car with lots of clever features including a reversible boot floor that covers a spacious lower compartment. The Note's engines are also good news, with a Renault-supplied 1.5-litre turbodiesel the most desirable, for mixing power with economy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Fun to be with female, 25, 5ft2, loves football!, going out and staying out, looking for a like-minded male to be with. Box 446941

MAVBE MORE

Seeking fun, friendship, maybe more. WLTM fun man 25-30, I'm female, 26, brown hair/blue eyes, average build. Box 446522

SMILES

Hi I'm 27, redheaded, 5ft1, blue eyes, intelligent, open-minded, caring, loves going out, music, good meals, seeking friendship, snuggles with caring, understanding. gent. Box 446785

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31yr old bubbly, fun-loving female, like reading, cinema, looking for tall, dark and handsome male, GSOH, for happy times. Box 446805

CUDDLY FEMALE...

...32, 5ft9, brown hair, curly, enjoys having a fun and a laugh, a WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 438404

HORSES FOR COURSES

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

ATTENTION! TALL WHITE GUYY REQUIRED

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for lots of fun, time loving. Box 447778

CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 22, 5ft2, WLTM someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whistable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Loving, caring, tactile female, 36, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue-eyes, N/S, GSOH, likes cinema, shopping, country pubs, night out, seeks a tall for a partner, shopping and LTR. Box 427619

FRiENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Social, genuine, honest, single mum, 36, 5ft6, I'm Nikki, 41/young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 446840

TRY ME

Ashford based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring, and loving male. I have 2 kids, and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446965

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be with, someone special. Box 446552

FUN AND ROMANCE

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/blue eyes. I'd like to meet a guy for romance and fun. I enjoy cinema, pub meals, eat out. Box 446038

PASSION FOR YOU

Medium build woman, 41, 5ft2, kind, caring, loving and tactile, GSOH, looking to meet a nice man for a LTR. Box 446890

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, blue eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male, N/S, intelligent, good sense of humour. Box 438102

COUNTRY LASS SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Loveable female, 36, 5ft4, 42, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Box 883723

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897893

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopefully happiness - time to move on. Box 890533

FRIDAY ME TO YOU

Caring, kind, 36, 5ft1, 50kg, 5ft1, recently been dumped, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404

EVERYTHING LOVE

Easygoing female, 36, 5ft4, 42, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Box 883723

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, seeking, looking for friendship and hopefully more later on. Box 888900

HERE'S HELP

Easygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, cinema, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 446472

SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTM gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443996

MAKE ME LAUGH

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, dark brown hair/eyes, curly, seeking nice guy to be with as friends with. Box 442935

ENJOY LIFE

55yr old woman, brown hair, green blue eyes, 5ft2, I'm divorced with a grown up family. I enjoy reading, travel, cinema, music, eating out. WLTM caring, genuine person. Box 446798

SEEING THROUGH PUPILS

Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, funny, non-smoking. WLTM nice, kind, normal male, 50-60, for theatre, laughs and more. Box 446393

SEEKING SOULMATE

Gorgeous slim attractive young-looking female, 54, active, wicked SOH, 5ft5, blue eyes, sociable, loves music, dancing, travelling; seeking warm, kind, caring male for genuine companionship. Box 443960

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 436810

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTM similar guy. Box 895199

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, kind, 45, 5ft6, likes socials, walks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, enjoy going and lady-lying. Box 446102

STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, good for conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship? Box 446547

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5ft6, likes books, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yrs old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTM a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, bubbly, blonde, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to share where life takes us! Box 893562

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST GIFT

Stylish, 36, 5ft4, blue eyes, short blonde hair, medium build, loves going out, dining and holidays, seeking likewise gentleman to bee happy with. Box 446563

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41/young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444793

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country walks, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441922

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Genuine single female, 41, worked hard all my life now need to find love, seeking loving lady to have loads of fun and more with. Box 884093

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DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, green eyes, 5ft1, 50kg, likes going out, pub, clubs, shopping, walks, eating out. Box 447009

WLTM female

Medium build woman, 41, 5ft2, kind, caring, loving and tactile, GSOH, looking to meet a nice man for a LTR. Box 446890

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, blue eyes, likes shopping, cinema, theatre, seeking a cultured, N/S, intelligent, good sense of humour. Box 443084

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, seeking, looking for a friend or possibly romance. Box 888900

WHERE R U?

Cheerful, honest, popular blonde, 50yrs old, seeking a nice lady, with GSOH, enjoys travel, going out, love, looking for special friend to share life with. Box 883791

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for LTR. Box 893181

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female, 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees friend, to have a friendly chat, 48-55, Box 445696

MAKING ALL THAT JAZZ

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SEEING THROUGH PUPILS

Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, funny, non-smoking. WLTM nice, kind, normal male, 50-60, for theatre, laughing, seeing, dancing, travelling, good company. Box 446473

LOVE TO LOVE

Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes walking, eating out, cinema, dancing, holidays, walks; cinema; seeking likewise female for companionship and more. Box 446953

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MAKING ME LAUGH

55yr old woman, brown hair, green blue eyes, 5ft2, I'm divorced with a grown up family. I enjoy reading, travel, cinema, music, eating out. WLTM caring, genuine person. Box 446798

WANT'S TO COOK FOR TWO

Single male, 43, nice, very genuine, slim, 6ft1, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, eating out, films and cosy nights in. Looking to meet a female to share life with and to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 894342

WANT'S TO COOK FOR TWO

Single male, 43, nice, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, quite happy but looking for a lady 30-60 to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 445760

I'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH

Very romantic, caring and loyal, 44, slim, brown hair, green eyes, 5ft2, likes cinema, walks, holidays, restaurants, nice, 34-54 for relationship and more. Box 443967

WANTS TO COOK FOR TWO

Single male, 43, nice, very genuine, slim, 6ft1, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, eating out, films and cosy nights in. Looking to meet a female to share life with and to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 894342

NIGHTS IN AND OUT

Separated male in Maidstone area, 44 looking for a lady, 40-50, to wine and dine, go to the night clubs. Let's see what happens! Box 884414

TO THE FUTURE!

Well-built male, 44, looking for a female for friendship, and lets start 2009 not being single and with a smile. Box 886226

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

Good-looking male, 31, dark complexion, 5ft6, looking for a woman for a relationship, possibly leading to marriage. Box 447407

WISHFULLY YOURS

My name is Mick, I'm 34 years old, single dad 5ft10 blue/grey/blue hair. Box 883971

EXTRA! EXTRAS! EXTRAS!

Asian lady, 55, likes reading, current affairs and travelling. WLTM an outgoing, fun-loving and honest male to share the rest of my life with. Box 445122

LIFE IS FOR LIVING

Stylish and sophisticated woman, 56, young outlook on life, curly but slim, confident, seeking genuine black female with great personality, looks/smile/religion/unimportant, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Box 447034

EAST MEETS WEST

Afro-Asian female, 28, medium build, enjoys many activities, seeking a white woman 18-33 for interesting encounters. Box 447451

HAND IN HAND, HEART TO HEART

Open-minded lady, 58, seeking male 56-63, enjoy walking, eating out, gardening, foreign holidays and more. Box 446468

HELP!

Petite, vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys seaside walks and music, seeks tall male, kind, caring male to grow old with... disgracefully. Box 883789

I HAVE A DREAM

Blonde, bubbly female, 59, looks younger, fun to be with, honest, seeking caring male to be my soulmate. GSOH. Box 883891

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country walks, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441922

AN HONEST MAN

Mark from Brighton, 38, good-looking, boyish, kind, caring male to share a good life with. Box 447313

R U 4 ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for a relationship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

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Ref: P0351

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Ref: P0259

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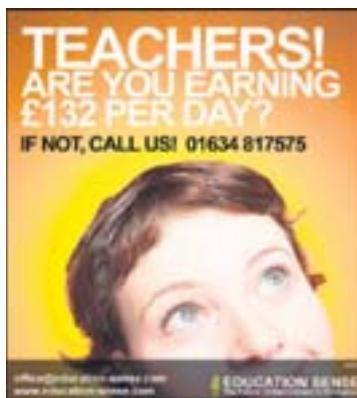
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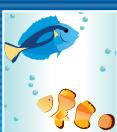
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Westwood's admirers vote with their feet

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Research reveals that 99 per cent of shoppers rate cleanliness at the retail centre as good or very good, 98 per cent feel the centre is safe and secure and 94 per cent value the pleasant atmosphere.

And despite worries about the economy, shoppers are spending eight per cent more this year on non-food items than last spring.

The centre is also attracting more shoppers from farther afield, in particular from Canterbury and Whitstable.

Of Thanet shoppers, 16 per cent said they also visited Bluewater, compared with 61 per cent last year.

Marketing manager Tracie Stevens said the centre was making an increasing contribution to the local economy.

Art meets commerce

A COLLABORATION between the arts and business has taken off at West Malling's Kings Hill business park.

It entails the launch of works by south east artists in the site's office buildings.

New works will be shown every three months, preceded by a private viewing when people from the wider business community will be able to see them.

Caroline Binns, of developer Liberty Property Trust UK, said: "The aim is to brighten people's working day by creating a welcoming and stimulating environment."

Liberty founded the Rouse Kent Public Art Award with KCC for the best piece of public art in the county. The biennial award will be held this year.

Channel trade seminar

NEWCRÉATIF, a virtual design and communication agency based in Folkestone and Canterbury, held another seminar on design and communication issues for firms trading in France.

The seminar, at the Ramada Hotel, Dover, was attended by more than 25 local government and businesses delegates from both sides of the Channel.

It is one of a series of events organised by Transmanche Technology over the last 18 months. All are aimed at improving trade between companies based in Kent and northern France.



CHEER UP: Despite the impact of the credit crunch Kent is well positioned to take advantage of the recovery and many county firms are still performing well

Our glass is half full

EVEN economic downturns have their silent majorities – more than half of companies in Kent say they are either unaffected by the current slowdown or are performing well and growing.

And a fifth are confident of a recovery in the coming months. This is proof that, while it's the public duty of the media to report what is going on, there is always another side of the coin that needs polishing.

The Financial and Business Services Survey 2008 commissioned by investment promotion agency Locate in Kent shows that almost a quarter of companies feel prospects are better for being based in Kent rather than elsewhere in the UK.

When asked how the economic climate was impacting on their business, encouragingly, almost a third – 29 per cent – reported that

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

they were still performing well and growing.

Just under half of respondents felt that their businesses had suffered as a result of economic downturn, and a further quarter responded that it had no impact.

Companies in the business services sector seemed to be faring better in this economic climate, with 36 per cent performing well, compared with 22 per cent in the financial sector.

The majority of respondents were realistic about the potential consequences of the global economic crisis, with 57 per cent concerned about their business over the next two years.

However, almost a third of respondents were confident their business would grow over the next few years.

One in five respondents felt confident about a recovery in the coming months.

When asked the biggest issue that compa-

nies would face once the economic outlook improved, respondents cited fears of cash flow problems and the cost of finance, lack of client and consumer confidence, red tape and legislation and the possibility of a slow recovery in the housing market.

Paul Wooley, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "These results are not surprising given that we cannot get away from the hard economic truths we are facing."

"However, there are some very encouraging results from this report. The fact that Kent's location and solid transport links were so positively rated gives us good reason to be optimistic about the future."

"The improved links to central London will serve the county well as it looks to leverage opportunities such as the 2012 Olympics."

"Access to international markets will become an essential lifeline for a number of companies, underlining the importance of transport links in terms of business location choice."

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THRASHED: But Norton Sports hope to bounce back when they take on the basement side on Saturday

Norton aim to halt slide

Deal Town 4 Norton Sports 0

NORTON Sports travel to bottom side Sporting Bengal at the weekend hoping to arrest their slide down the Kent League.

The newcomers had the majority of their games abandoned in December, then lost to landlords Herne Bay and were on the wrong side of a drubbing at the Charles Sports Ground against a rejuvenated Deal Town on Saturday.

Manager Ben Taylor opted to make changes from last weekend's defeat to Bay, but his team started slowly as the home side took the

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ascendancy. Goalkeeper Charlie Donoghue made an important save in the opening minutes to keep Deal out and it wasn't until midway through the first half that Norton were able to exert any pressure of their own.

Long-range shots from Harry Goodger and Michael Green failed to trouble the home side's goalkeeper.

At the other end, Deal carved out a couple of good opportunities which were either hit wide or blocked.

As the half progressed Norton would have settled for going in on level terms, but on 40

minutes a quick break was latched on to by Deal's Pollard, who hit a crisp shot past Donoghue to go in 1-0 up.

Taylor changed personnel at half-time, hoping to put pressure on the Deal back four.

But Norton were unable to keep the ball long enough to build any real threat and when on 59 minutes a cross was converted by Robinson to make it 2-0, the game was essentially over.

On 82 minutes Donoghue did well to save a header, but Ingram was on hand to slot home the third.

With five minutes remaining the referee sent off Harry Goodger, before Deal Town wrapped things up on 89 minutes with a well-struck fourth.

Bourne in the hunt for promotion from Kent 1

A REJUVENATED Sittingbourne RFC have the chance to go second in Kent 1 and close the gap on leaders Medway as they travel to struggling Erith at the weekend.

Bourne rounded off 2008 with a 16-10 win over arch rivals Sheppet which made it five wins in five games and propelled them to third in the league.

Sittingbourne have already beaten Erith this season, 16-8, and will hope for a similar result on Saturday.

Sheppet RFC have struggled in Kent 1 this season with just four points to their name. And it doesn't get any easier for the islanders, who take on second-placed Old Gravesendians at The Ditch on Saturday.

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Villa boss Martin O'Neill says he would have been happy with FA Cup replay against Gills

Sheppet close in on high-flying leaders

AFC Sheppet have the chance to close the gap on leaders Canterbury City when they travel to mid-table Guru Nanak at the weekend.

The islanders have whittled down the leaders' dominance at the top of Kent County Division One East in the last month and are now just three points behind. As City are without a league game at the weekend, Jamie Allen's side have a chance to claim a share of top spot for the first time this season.

Sheerness East's clash with Stansfeld O&B Club in the Premier Division was called off on Saturday due to a frozen pitch.

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Future looks bright for Luchford's Lilywhites

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Faversham Town 2

Hickman 62 Shearer 77



Tunbridge Wells 1

Fuller 18

FAVERSHAM Town proved they have what it takes to maintain a serious challenge at the top of the Kent League as Tunbridge Wells became the third top five team to be beaten by Justin Luchford's side.

After hammering rivals Herne Bay 5-1 last Saturday, Town added the scalp of high-fliers Tunbridge Wells to climb to fourth in the Premier Division.

It didn't start well for the home side in front of a bumper crowd of 234 at Salters Lane, as Joe Fuller netted in the 18th minute with a near post header.

The game swung in Faversham's favour as early as four minutes into the second half when Jason Barton was sent off for an altercation with Town's Dane Luchford. It gave the Lilywhites a chance to capitalise and they did so when the returning Tom Hickman hit a shot from a corner to equalise.

The points were Town's when skipper Lee Shearer headed home from close range with 13 minutes to go.

There was more good news from Salters Lane last week when in-demand striker Damian Abel turned down a chance to play Ryman League football with former side Folkestone Invicta.

Abel was the subject of an approach by the Ryman South side, but will remain a Lilywhite despite the fact the 25-year-old striker lives only yards from the Buzzlins Stadium.

A relieved Luchford told the Faversham club website: "I am over the moon that he has decided to stay. This really does show commitment to the club and shows how far we have come in the last 12 months."

"Damian is enjoying his football more now than for many a year and that is showing in his performances."

"It would have been very easy to go back to



ONE OF US: Damian Abel will remain at Faversham Town after turning down a move to Folkestone Invicta

Faversham starting XI



Subs: Hetterley (Soutan, 57), Quiver (O'Brien, 75), Arnold-Smith (Abel, 86)

been a tough decision, but we get on well and he enjoys it here."

Town's search for midfielders appears to be over, as Luchford has signed Tom Hickman from Margate and 21-year-old Dave Botterill from Chatham Town.

Luchford said: "I am delighted to announce we have signed Dave Botterill from Chatham. Dave is top of their goalscoring charts for the first team and is a left-footed midfielder."

"It is a big signing for us to get a player from a higher level, but Dave can see what we are trying to do here and was impressed with the facilities at the club."

"It does mean there is competition for places now, which is good. We are covered across the pitch and I am very happy with the squad."

"It is now my job to keep us all together and build and move forward."

Folkestone. He lives there and has a new baby, so he had to take into consideration the travelling.

"But he plays for Faversham Town and he wants to stay. It is fantastic news. It must have

Goal famine fails to whet the appetite

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Folkestone Invicta 0



Sittingbourne 0



THERE are some games in a season you really look forward to.

When the kind people at the Ryman League put together a big Kent derby as the first fixture of the New Year, most Folkestone and Sittingbourne supporters must have been delighted. Perhaps somebody should have told both sets of players.

At a freezing Cheriton Road, in-form Sittingbourne arrived with 16 points from their last six games ready to take on a Folkestone side that had failed to score in three games.

A recipe for goals, you would think. But the game failed to live up to its billing as a lack of quality from both sides and the constant sound of the referee's whistle meant play was never allowed to flow.

The home side started brightly enough, with the game's best player – Kieran Byrne – fashioning a chance for himself in the box with an overhead kick that brought out the best in goalkeeper Matt Reed after 11 minutes.

When these two teams squared up in August – another drab game – Matt Bourne was in Folkestone's ranks, but since the cash-strapped club announced their financial concerns, the defender felt his future was elsewhere and it was Sittingbourne that profited. He didn't put a foot wrong on Saturday and without him the Brickies could have conceded three or four goals. The Brickies' best chance of



Picture: CHERITON ROAD

STALEMATE: Sittingbourne were unable to break Folkestone down but have moved into the play-offs after goalless draw

Sittingbourne starting XI



the game came after 22 minutes when Richard Brady put a cleverly weighted ball in the path of Tom Bradbrook, who beat two defenders before getting a shot off that Jack Delo could only parry. The ball dribbled towards the goal, but Bradbrook couldn't get enough on it to sneak it over the line.

Folkestone had the better of the second period and Sittingbourne were forced onto the back foot. Byrne had another good chance a minute into the second period when his left-footed volley went just past the upright.

The evergreen Jimmy Jackson, who ran the game from the centre of midfield, thought he had opened the scoring on 73 minutes but his rasping effort was tipped over by Reed. From the resulting corner the ball was turned against the post and eventually bundled into the net. But the referee had seen an infringement and ruled the effort out.

The point will be valued by both sides as Folkestone attempt to beat the drop and Sittingbourne moved up to fourth in Ryman South, but perhaps won't go down as one of those memorable Kent derbies.

TOP MAN: Manager Gary Abbott is delighted with Matt Bourne's (pictured) performances

Boss hails Bourne as best signing

SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott has hailed Matt Bourne as his best signing for the club, claiming the defender has been the missing piece in his side.

Bourne featured prominently in the win at Kingstone last month and ensured Sittingbourne left Cheriton Road at the weekend with a point, putting in a faultless display to snuff out the threat of Invicta striker Jimmy Dryden.

Abbott tried to sign the centre-back in the summer after he left Chatham Town, but Bourne turned down Sittingbourne, favouring a move to Folkestone instead. The defender decided to move on once Invicta announced their financial difficulties and almost signed for Whitstable Town, but the transfer fell through and Abbott stepped in to bring him to Bourne Park.

The Brickies boss said: "If we hadn't got Bourne against Folkestone we could have lost three or four. He just doesn't do anything wrong. We have improved defensively and are keeping clean sheets."

"He is probably our best signing and has been a real rock for us at the back. He has been the missing link for us and has fitted in better than he probably thinks. We were lucky to get him."

Another player to star at Cheriton Road was goalkeeper Matt Reed. He has fitted in well at Bourne Park and kept his side in the game, ensuring Sittingbourne extended their unbeaten run to seven games.

Abbott said: "He made two excellent saves, but that's Reedy for you. He's a great shot-stopper. In the last month he has proved he is one of the best goalkeepers in this league."

Striker Tom Bradbrook has turned down the chance to sign for Kingstone after the table-toppers put in a seven-day approach to speak to him.

• Sittingbourne had a chance to go second in Ryman South on Monday night with the visit of Mersham. For a full report and reaction, visit www.yourswe.co.uk.



BRAGGING RIGHTS: Sittingbourne end the year on a high by taking three points from their Kent rivals

time, a deep cross from Joe Horlock was met by the towering Bourne, who crashed a header against the bar.

The ball was cleared for a corner and from the resulting cross from Richmond, the ball dropped invitingly to Bradbrook, who slammed the ball past Fewell.

The home side made sure of the points in the 88th minute, when Bradbrook claimed an excellent second as he ran 30-yards through the Whitstable defence to slot confidently past Fewell.

LEAGUE TABLES

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstone	21	13	5	3	+26	44
2 Metropolitan Police	23	11	9	3	+15	42
3 Cray Wanderers	24	12	5	7	+15	41
4 Sittingbourne	22	12	4	6	+6	40
5 Fleet Town	22	10	9	3	+18	39
6 Ashford Town	24	10	9	5	+17	39
7 Dulwich Hamlet (-3)	24	11	7	6	+13	37
8 Worthing	20	10	7	3	+11	37
9 Walton & Hersham	23	10	7	6	+6	37
10 Godalming Town	23	10	6	7	+14	36
11 Mersham	22	9	7	6	+2	34
12 Eastbourne Town	24	9	5	10	+2	32
13 Folkestone Invicta	23	8	8	7	+1	32
14 Croydon Athletic	23	7	6	10	-4	27
15 Whyteleafe	23	7	4	12	-8	25
16 Leatherhead	21	7	4	10	-14	25
17 Burgess Hill Town	22	6	6	10	-4	24
18 Corinthian-Casuals	24	4	8	12	-21	20
19 Chipstead	23	4	8	11	-24	20
20 Whitstable Town	23	6	2	15	-25	20
21 Walton Casuals	23	4	5	14	-19	19
22 Crowborough Athletic	23	3	3	17	-27	12

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Hythe Town	17	13	2	2	24	41
2 Holmesdale	17	12	3	2	24	39
3 Tunbridge Wells	17	11	1	5	11	34
4 Faversham Town	15	10	1	4	28	31
5 Herne Bay	18	10	1	7	5	31
6 Erith & Belvedere	15	8	2	5	0	26
7 Erith Town	15	7	4	4	10	25
8 Greenwich Borough	15	8	1	6	0	25
9 Deal Town	17	6	5	6	5	23
10 VCD Athletic	13	7	1	5	15	22
11 Croydon	13	6	1	6	4	19
12 Sevenoaks Town	16	5	4	7	-5	19
13 Slade Green	16	5	3	8	-5	18
14 Norton Sports	15	5	1	9	-16	16
15 Beckenham Town	18	4	2	12	-8	14
16 Lordswood	16	1	2	13	-24	5
17 Sporting Bengal	17	0	0	17	-68	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman South, Sittingbourne v Corinthian Casuals; Kent League, Saturday, January 17 - Norton Sports v Tunbridge Wells

Flying start to New Year for Bradbrook

FOOTBALL

Sittingbourne 3 Whitstable Town 0

A BRACE from in-form striker Tom Bradbrook ensured Sittingbourne ended 2008 in fine style and kept their promotion hopes well and truly alive.

Sittingbourne's best crowd of the season, 344, turned up for the local derby on the first Saturday after Christmas, hoping to see the Brickies put in a good performance following their superb 2-1 win at league leaders Kingstone.

The Oystermen gave Sittingbourne an early scare when James Duffy's flighted ball was headed on by Dave Cory right into the path of Ian Pulman, whose lobbed effort clipped the top of the bar after seven minutes.

The Brickies opened the scoring in the 18th minute when Colin Richmond cleverly beat his defender on the flank before putting in a delightful left-foot cross that was met by Matt Bourne, who headed powerfully past Kevin Fewell.

The home side went in at the break with a two-goal lead after Bradbrook's third goal in two games. A minute into first-half stoppage

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